

Dear Mr. Powell,

As I believe I wrote during the debate last year on media consolidation, I perceived the danger of a corporate giant using MY airwaves to foster corporate and/or political interests that might run against the public good.

I have heard (on either NPR or WNYC radio) Sinclair Broadcasting's spokesman claim that the Kerry campaign could have as much as 60 or 90 minutes of rebuttal time. If SINclair does not provide equal time to Kerry IMMEDIATELY following their broadcast, I feel they will have forfeited your right to use MY airwaves.

What follows is written by others, but I agree with their position.

Sincerely, Mary G. Greenly
Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.